

NOTES FOR STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING, AUGUST 30th,
RE: Mr. Armstrong's Four Problems

Introduction

The Executive Secretary of the NSC sent a circular memorandum to the CIA and IAC agencies re three sections of NSC 50 implementing the Dulles Report:

Par 2a of NSC 50 re COORDINATION

Statement of principles to be followed by DCI and IAC.

- (1) Responsibility of CIA has not been fully discharged.
- (2) IAC is soundly conceived as an advisory body, but should, under the forthright initiative and leadership of the DCI, participate more actively in the continuing coordination of intelligence activities and in the discussion and approval of intelligence estimates.

Par 4a of NSC 50 re QUESTIONS REQUIRING COORDINATION AND ATTENTION

EARLY and SYSTEMATIC ACTION IS NEEDED and a report to the NSC before December 1949.

List of 8 questions -- four of which may be cared for by the proposed NSCID on Defectors and Other Aliens, largely the FBI in conjunction with CIA's overt or covert offices, and in two of which (Scientific Intelligence and Crisis Situations) "recent progress has been made."

Par 5a and 5b re NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES

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Not "collective responsibility" (the lowest common denominator) but rather a procedure fulfilling responsibilities regardless of unanimous agreement. Follow directives and refrain from competition.

Before long there will be due a joint or individual reply to the Executive Secretary of NSC from CIA and the IAC agencies on the above.

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Purpose of this Meeting

In the meantime, as you will recall, this matter was up for discussion at the regular July meeting of the IAC. The State member was the only one who commented on this subject at that time and said that he was about to submit the problems State found in NSC 50. His Four Problems were received early in August and put on the agenda for preliminary discussion at the August IAC meeting. The DCI preferred to have these four problems considered by the Standing Committee rather than by ICAPS alone, so that all of the IAC would be in on it. This "preliminary discussion" resulted in the Four Problems being given to the Standing Committee for consideration.

We have sent out (on August 25th) some "clarification" notes and would now like to know:-

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- (1) Changes from present procedures contemplated in State's Four Problems, and
- (2) Wherein the other IAC agencies agree on these changes with State.
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What will be the recorded result of this Meeting?

A report on State's Four Problems by the IAC Standing Committee, submitted first to the IAC members, and then if they approve, as their advice to the DCI? What do you think?

Let us take up the State Recommendations paragraph by paragraph:

I - 1. The first part of this paragraph seems to be no change, but I have been told that State wishes to have ICAPS the Staff of both the DCI and the IAC. Do you think that will work? What is meant here by "Executive Secretary," and how does that differ from present procedures?

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cc: ORE ✓

ICAPS, 29 Aug 49